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In re application of: Fields et al.

Serial No. 09/758,308

For: ANTIGENIC EPITOPES AND MOSAIC POLYPEPTIDES OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS

**PROTEINS** 

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March 20, 2003

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals under 37 C.F.R. §1.191 to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated September 20, 2002, finally rejecting claims 7-13 and 26-31.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

- A three-month extension of time to respond to the final rejection: 1. [X]
  - [X] is requested herewith under 37 C.F.R. 1.136. (b)

[X] An extension of time was obtained on January 21, 2003 for one month.

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  - [x] Appeal fee amount pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.191 and 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) = \$320.00.
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Respectfully submitted,

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